

## AB 1583 Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling: Commission Initiated

The California Recycling Market Development Act, Assembly Bill 1583 (AB 1583, Eggman) was signed into law by Governor Newsom on October 9, 2019. AB 1583 is comprised of several significant provisions including requiring CalRecycle to convene a Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling (Commission) by July 1, 2020. The Commission is required to issue policy recommendations to achieve market development and waste reduction goals, and to provide feedback to CalRecycle on public messaging designed to encourage proper recycling and minimize contamination in curbside recycling programs.

The Commission held its first meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, with subsequent commission meetings on July 15 and August 5, 2020. The Commission will continue to hold regular meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30pm. The Commission is comprised of seventeen highly experienced and expert stakeholders including Los Angeles County Public Works' Assistant Deputy Director of Environmental Programs Division, Coby Skye. The Commission is chaired by Heidi Sanborn of the National Stewardship Action Council and the vice-chair is Richard Valle of Tri-CED Community Recycling. Commissioners also include:

- John Bouchard, Principle Officer of Teamsters Local 350
- Deborah Cadena of Kern County Recycling
- Laura Ferrante, Owner of Waste Alternatives
- Joseph Kalpakoff, CEO of Mid Valley Disposal
- Manuel Medrano, Environmental Services Manager of the City of Chula Vista
- Alex Osegura, Director of Government Affairs for Waste Management
- Ann Schneider, Vice Mayor of Millbrae
- Sara Toyoda, Environmental Programs Coordinator for the City of Indio
- Tedd Ward, Director of Del Norte Solid Waste Management

Four additional committees were formed to analyze specific issues in detail. The Market Development Committee is focusing on increasing market demand for specific products and materials and fixing the Bottle Bill CRV program. The Recycling Committee is focusing on the definition of "recyclable" and acceptable materials in curbside programs. The Organics Committee is focusing on the definition of "compostable", edible food recovery and food waste prevention, and Senate Bill 1383 compliance. The Media & Labeling Committee is focusing on messaging on residential curbside recycling, organics recycling, and a major upcoming community-based social media campaign by CalRecycle.

The priorities of the Commission are to develop California markets for processing and re-manufacturing recycled materials, achieve the Senate Bill 1383 targets, achieve the state policy goal of Assembly Bill 341 that not less than 75% of solid waste generated be source reduced, recycled or composted, and identify products that are recyclable or

compostable as defined by Public Resource Code 42370.2 and regularly collected in curbside recycling programs.

The Commission is required to issue initial policy recommendations, identify products that are recyclable or compostable, and provide initial feedback on public messaging to CalRecycle by January 1, 2021. Thereafter, the Commission will update the recommendations and list of products at least once a year.

For more information, please visit the Commission's webpage at <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/markets/commission>, join the Commission's LISTSERV at <https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/Listservs/Subscribe/166>, and/or contact the "Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling" staff at [AB1583Commission@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:AB1583Commission@calrecycle.ca.gov).



*Figure 1 Recycled cans*